

**NP - 202 - Veterans' Success - BIEN / OTO**

The Executive recommends \$2 million biennial one-time-only general fund to ensure the Montana University System (MUS) excels as a veterans' friendly system by providing the services and resources necessary for today's veterans to access and complete college. This funding will help ensure every campus in the MUS provides dedicated services and space to meet veterans' needs by providing resources aimed at increasing the ease of access, transferability of credit and job placement.

1. **Financial Aid:** Reduce unmet need of veterans' serving one or more years of active duty; \$900K
 - ❖ Reduce unmet need for tuition and fees for MT veterans serving one or more year of active duty who are eligible for post 9/11 GI Bill but who are not eligible for 100% VA ed. benefits.
2. **Active Duty:** Provide tuition coverage for active duty military enrolling online; \$100K
 - ❖ Active duty military MT residents – assistance in paying for online tuition and fees, completion of application for admission and transferring of credit.
3. **Space & Services:** Ensure every campus in the MUS provides dedicated space to meet veterans' needs and provides the necessary services and resources; \$1M
 - ❖ Consistent implementation of transferability of credit for military training and courses.
 - ❖ Implement best practices from Regents' Veterans Workgroup.
 - ❖ Develop and maintain MUS website that provides active duty military and veterans' one-stop shop for all service oriented information (military to college tools, etc.).

